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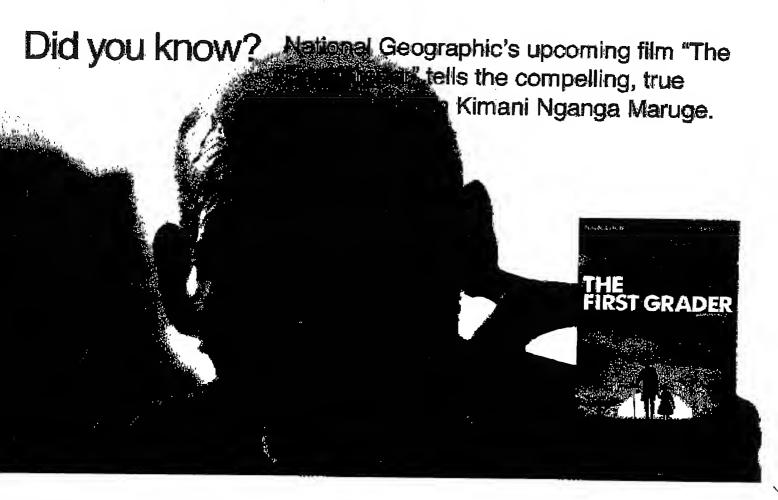
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Subject:

National Geographic's upcoming film "The First Grader" tells the compelling, true story of

Kenyan Kimani Nganga Maruge

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- Maruge, a freedom fighter who helped Kenya gain independence from Britain, attended school for the first time in his life at the age of 84, alongside his grandchildren.
- Maruge's education was made possible when the Kenyan government in 2003 made primary education free for all Kenyans. Until his death in 2009, Maruge was the Guinness World Record holder for being the oldest person to begin primary school.
- The film has received critical acclaim at the Toronto International Film Festival, the Telluride Film Festival and the Palm Beach International Film Festival, where it was named Best Feature Film. The film premieres in selected U.S. cities starting this month. For more info, visit www.thefirstgrader-movie.com.

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